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SUBJECT: SHEVCHENKO CASE

1. DOBRYNIN CALLED ON THE SECRETARY MORNING OF APRIL 11
TO MAKE AN ORAL DEMARCHE ON THE SHEVCHENKO CASE AND LEFT A
NON-PAPER, TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: US SIDE'S BEHAVIOR WITH REGARD TO SOVIET CITIZEN
A.N. SHEVCHENKO - FORMER UN UNDER-SECRETARY IS CONSIDERED
MOST SERIOUSLY IN MOSCOW.

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WE DECISIVELY DECLINE US SIDE'S ATTEMPTS TO PRESENT THE MAT-
TER IN SUCH A WAY AS IF THE QUESTION HERE IS OF SOME PER-
SONAL MOTIVES OF A PRIVATE PERSON AND AS IF IT HAS NOTHING
TO DO WITH THE SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

THIS VERSION DOES NOT CORRESPOND TO THE REAL STATE OF AF-
FAIRS. THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND THE WAY

SHEVCHENKO CONDUCTED HIMSELF IN LATER CONTACTS WITH SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES DEFINITELY POINT TO THE DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN ALL THIS OF US SPECIAL SERVICES, IN WHOSE HANDS SHEVCHENKONOWIS, AND WHICH EXERT PRESSURE ON HIM IN ORDER TO PREVENT HIM FROM RETURNING TO THE SOVIET UNION. SHEVCHENKO'S BEHAVIOR IN CONTACTS WITH SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES GIVES THE GROUND FOR A SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT HIS PSYCHOLOGICAL STATE AS A RESULT OF THE SAID PRESSURE.

THE SOVIET SIDE DEMANDS THE IMMEDIATE RETURN OF SOVIET CITIZEN A.N. SHEVCHENKO TO THE SOVIET UNION. THE US GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE CLEARLY AWARE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY WHICH IT WOULD ASSUME IF OUR DEMANDS ARE NOT SATISFIED, AS WELL AS OF THE CONSEQUENCES THIS WOULD HAVE FOR SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS. END QUOTE.

3. THE SECRETARY REJECTED THE ALLEGATIONS THAT WE ARE HOLDING SHEVCHENKO AGAINST HIS WILL OR PREVENTING HIS RETURN TO THE USSR. DOBRYNIN SAID HE HOPED THIS MATTER COULD BE CLOSED OUT BEFORE THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MOSCOW AND THAT HE WAS SURE IT WOULD COME UP IN MOSCOW IF IT WERE NOT. HE ALSO ASKED FOR ANOTHER MEETING WITH SHEVCHENKO.

4. LATER IN DAY APRIL 11, SOVEMBASSY MINISTER-COUNSELOR BESSMERTNYKH LEFT FOLLOWING NON-PAPER WITH SHULMAN:

5. QUOTE: THE ANALYSIS OF A.N. SHEVCHENKO'S BEHAVIOR
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DURING THE MEETING WITH SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES, AS WELL AS THE CHARACTER AND THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTERS HE SENT TO THE USSR MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS DEFINITELY SHOW THAT HE IS NOT ANSWERABLE FOR HIS ACTIONS. EVERYTHING INDICATES THAT SOME DRUGS ARE USED AS A MEANS OF INFLUENCING HIM.

THEREFORE WE CONSIDER IT NECESSARY THAT AN OBJECTIVE MEDICAL EXAMINATION IS PERFORMED BY AMERICAN AS WELL AS SOVIET DOCTORS. AND IT SHOULD BE DONE IMMEDIATELY. WE ARE PREPARED TO SEND OUR DOCTORS TO THE US AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE THE CONFIRMATION BY THE US SIDE OF ITS READINESS TO MAKE SUCH AN EXAMINATION, WHICH WE FIRMLY INSIST UPON. END QUOTE. VANCE

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